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BIRTH.—On April 29th, at Shanghai, the wife of Mr. M. ZIMMERMAN, of a well-known firm.

DEATH.—On May 1st, at Shanghai, WALTER GOURDON STRONG, aged 27 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 15TH, 1906.

It is very difficult for those who are on or near the spot, so to speak, to avoid a habit of scepticism where Chinese reforms are concerned. This is not due, we honestly believe, so much to racial prejudice or foreign arrogance, for indeed the observant foreigners have long ago acquired an enduring respect for the enlightened Chinaman who is really in earnest in his patriotism. It has been caused rather by a long series of disappointments, in which the better class Chinese must also have shared. Thus while our brethren in Europe appear to have been cock-a-hoop over the visit of the Chinese Commissioners, and to have been regarding their mission of enquiry as a sure promise of splendid performances to come, we in the East have failed to work up any such enthusiasm. We remember the bomb incidents before the departure, the reluctance of the members to set forth, and the sending back en route of one member "to save expense." After all, the Commissioners are in no better case, or more promising position than the man who goes to seek advice. Good advice is always forthcoming, but it is not always followed. We may be pardoned for thinking that the wonders of Europe brought to China's very doors having had so small an influence, the wonders she has sent to see can do little more. Still, there is no gainsaying that this departure was on the face of it a good sign; and it would be scepticism run mad to forget that reforms must come, and that the times appear to be ripening for them. We can but hope that

the foreigners will not have to endure another cycle of the old-fashioned Cathay.

One of the subjects which appears to have greatly interested the Commissioners—we hope more than armaments—did—was education. Opinions will undoubtedly say that the present juncture is an unfortunate one for such a study in Great Britain, which is so notoriously disturbed by educational experiments of sorts. Yet if the Chinese notice how injurious it is to have one subject entangled with another, no harm can result. In China during the last two years there has been a spasmodic sort of attempt made to reform educational methods. The old-fashioned

examinations have gone, and teachers of all sorts and conditions have been enlisted. People in Europe, however, are likely to be misled in this matter also, if they have nothing to go by but such communications as the following, from the *Morning Post*:

"Except for a few instances of disorder all over the country temples have been turned into schools with surprising alacrity, often with malicious glee. Separatist emblems have been torn down and idols destroyed. At Canton, for instance, an image of the patron god of the old learning was burned before a large crowd. Even the old scholars, the 'liberators,' the strongest conservative force in China, have caught the infection, and students of 30 and 40 years of age are found patiently starting their education again. The new schools are eagerly attended, and everywhere there is a demand for more school and for teachers with Western knowledge. Chinese country towns are forming societies to secure capable instructors; students are being sent to Japan at their expense; girls' schools are being started by private enterprise, and there are 150 girls studying in Tokyo. There is a dangerous tendency in China to present to rush education, and much of the teaching is of the poorest quality, but the desire to learn is very impressive."

That is not a paragraph to be described as untruthful, but it conveys a wrong impression all the same. We have to understand who felt "malicious glee," who ordered the appropriation of the temples, and why; and we have to know the ill repute in which an idle and degenerate priesthood had been held by the people. Then also should be taken into account the motives inspiring this rush after foreign learning; and the points of view of the different classes advocating a change. One really hopeful feature of the Commission now travelling is that its members are drawn from the ruling class. In China particularly there is "room at the top" for enlightenment and a change of ideals; and it may be that the return of such influential students may herald a wholesome change of mind on the part of the Dowager Empress. It seems certain that but for her the reformers would be much further advanced than they are.

Two boys, who went to bathe in the catch water reservoir in the Shekton sui nullah on Sunday afternoon, were drowned.

Notwithstanding the warm weather another large assembly gathered in the Theatre last night to enjoy being mystified by Thurston.

The funeral of Constable Williams took place last evening. The coffin was covered with floral tributes and practically the whole body of European police followed the hearse.

The *Foochow Echo* deplores the departures from that port of Mr. and Mrs. Michie, and Mr. Wallace, all of whom were distinguished members of Foochow society.

Mr. George Curry, local secretary of the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., asks us to state that he was not the gentleman reported as being present at the Electric Lighting Co.'s meeting.

The students of the local branch of the Sanitary Institute visit the Brick, Tile and Pipe Works, at Deep Water Bay, next Saturday afternoon by permission of Messrs. Shawan Tomes & Co.

The plague return for the week ending May 12th was 96 cases, 89 deaths. In the next 48 hours there were 18 cases, 17 deaths. Total to date, 419 cases, 395 deaths. During the week there were eight cases of smallpox, all Chinese.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 13th May, 1906, shows that of non-Chinese, there were 292 to the Library and 1,057 to the Museum; and of Chinese 140 to the former and 3,351 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 432 persons, and the Museum by 3,458.

At a public meeting at the Victoria University, Toronto, on April 9th, a resolution was passed, calling on the Imperial Government to put down the opium traffic in China, in the interests of missionary work and the commerce of the Empire. Copies of the resolution are being forwarded to the King and the Prime Minister.

The report of the State Fire Insurance Company, Ltd. (for which Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Co. are the Hongkong agents), discloses a satisfactory year's working. On the credit side appears a total of £172,612, including £148,660 premiums, while the figures on the other side reach £130,126, leaving a credit balance of £42,486. An interim dividend of three per cent. was paid in October last and the directors recommend a final dividend at the rate of four and a half per cent., making seven and a half for the year.

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Israel's Messenger says: "The passion for the conversion of Jews to Christianity is a vice, that like the use of stimulants or narcotics it gradually destroys the moral sense of those who are addicted to it."

Messrs. E. S. Kadourie and Co. inform us that they are in receipt of telegraphic advice from Shanghai informing them that Matchapot Mijin, Boschou, Linthouy-exploits in Langkuk, Limited, have declared a second interim dividend of 11s. 7d. per share.

The new Imperial and Prussian Three-and-a-Half per Cent. loans were opened for subscription on April 11th. Although the state of the money market prevented the demand from being so great as that for the last loan, the result is stated to have been very satisfactory, and it is believed that the amount of the loans has been already fully covered.

M. Spingardt, the Belgian Chinese Mandarin, who for some months has been in Belgium, having completed his mission, is leaving for China. He is accompanied by two engineers, one an expert in manufacture and the other for prospecting in the Kansu province, which is reported to be extremely rich in mineral deposits.

On the conclusion of the formal business at the Algeciras conference there was an amusing incident, a general rush being made by the delegates to secure souvenirs. Blocks of scribbling paper, blotting-pads, inkstands, pens, and other articles were snatched up, and the tables were swept absolutely bare.

The inauguration of the Chapel of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George will take place on the 12th June. His Majesty the King will be present at the ceremony, which will be a State one, and the whole of St. Paul's Cathedral will be reserved. All members of the Order will be admitted, and each member may introduce two ladies.

A stern-wheel paddle-boat which Messrs. Thornycroft have built at Chiswick is to be sent to Tierra del Fuego for the purpose of carrying the golden sand brought up by a dredger now at work in that region. Gold, it is said, has been found in great quantities. Those interested declare that within twelve months Tierra del Fuego will be world-famous as a gold-producing centre.

It is understood that there are grounds for hoping the dispute is on the eve of a settlement.

(N.C. Daily News Service.)

RUSSIA AND TIBET.

Peking, May 9th.

H.E. Hu Wei-tu, Minister at St. Petersburg, has telegraphed that Russia is projecting to send some fifty students of Lamism to Lhasa, following the Dalai Lama, who is expected shortly to start on the return journey to Tibet. The Minister thinks there is some political motive at present undisclosed.

THE NANCHANG MASSACRE.

Peking, May 9th.

As has been reported the negotiation of the Nanchang affair was concluded once, but there has been so much opposition to the arrangement from influential officials that the signature was put off for a time, and the matter has been again referred to the Waihui for another discussion with the French Minister.

The report of the chief registrar of friendly societies on the number of registered trade unions at the close of the year 1904, shows that there remained upon the register 749 trade unions. Of these 646 furnished returns, showing that the total membership for Great Britain and Ireland was 1,544,461 persons, while their income amounted to £2,495,838, and their expenditure to £2,351,709, the balance of funds at the end of the year being £5,935,924.

An interesting mission of exploration in Central Asia is being undertaken under the auspices of the French Geographical Society. The object is to excavate the ruins of the country beyond Tibet, with a view to laying bare the traces and evidences which can throw light upon the ancient civilisation which once flourished there. This mission has been entrusted to a comparatively young man. His name is M. Pellet, and he is professor of Chinese at Hanoi. During the Boxer outbreak of 1900 M. Pellet was in Peking, and went through the siege of the Legations, distinguishing himself by several acts of valour.

The *Singapore Free Press* says: Dr. W. J. Simpson, Professor of Hygiene in King's College, London, has sailed for Singapore acting on behalf of the Government of the Straits Settlements, to serve on a commission to inquire into and report on the sanitary condition of Singapore. Dr. Simpson's former experience in Calcutta, and his recent special mission to Hongkong in connection with the plague investigations, mark him out as about the best authority available for his present important duty.

Reports have been made of disturbances in Southern Honan and Western Shantung caused by the Big Knives Society, which is a sort of relic of the Boxer movement. Nominally the hostility of the rioters is directed against the new educational scheme and the Roman Catholic Christians, but in practice it takes the form of the pillaging of towns. The bandits in Honan are said to number 12,000, and they carry banners inscribed "Down with the Manchu Dynasty!" Many towns are rebuilding their ancient walls for protection. The scene of the disturbances in Honan is close to the Hankow-Peking Railway, and travellers on that line can hear the sounds of firing. Troops have been sent from Hankow and are expected to quell the disturbances.

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ANOTHER CHINESE OPINION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, May 14th.
Sir.—In Saturday's issue of your paper a report is given of an interview your reporter has had with Mr. Shelton Hooper. He is reported as having said that the reason of the Chinese not taking advantage of the many vacant houses in the Colony is because they like to crowd together. This can hardly be the case, nor is it the "old custom," as is borne out by the fact that over-crowding does not exist in towns in their own country. Even in Canton, a city with a population of a million and a quarter inhabitants, over-crowding is not known in its busiest part. The reason for this is not far to seek. The rental there is cheap and the houses are built in quite a different style. I should think everyone would like to have a garden and a detached villa as a residence for his family, but one has not always the luck to be able to do so. The earnings of the poor coolies average from \$9 to \$12 a month, it is only natural that they want to crowd together as many as they can to share a floor, as the more they do the less rent they have to pay. The cause of the present overcrowded state of Hongkong is; I am inclined to think, due more to the high rate of prevailing than to anything else.

It is quite true that the further you get from the centre of the town the cheaper is the rent, as far as shops are concerned, but it is not at all so in the case of family houses. Take, for instance, a house east of No. 2 Police Station (there are many vacant houses here), the rent there is about \$16 per floor per month. This rate, if not higher, must be equal to the rents of houses in side lanes in less busy parts of the Central and Sai-Ying-Pun districts. Why then should the Chinese move away from their work, to keep away from their relatives and friends and at the same time having to pay for tram hire, and be subjected to the difficulty of getting medical assistance in case of sickness among the members of their family?

As to tram fares, it is equally true that the Government made it a condition that the Tramway Company should run workmen's cars, but the Chinese do not fulfil themselves of them as much as they might have done. The many accidents that have occurred entailing the loss of human lives, have so alarmed the Chinese that they say they prefer to walk or ride in rickshas than to run the risk of losing their lives. In the interests of the Tramway Co., themselves as well as the public at large, the cars should be allowed to stay a bit longer at the stations, as at present the passengers hardly have the time to get into or alight from the car before the next bell is rung to start. Unless ample time is given to alight the passengers naturally scramble to get out before the car actually stops.

Yours faithfully,
S. C.THE BRITISH EDUCATION BILL.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

London, April 12th.

DEAR SIR.—It has been recognised on all hands, by members of the Ministerial party as well as by the official Opposition, by Labourites, who are mostly Socialists and Socialists, and by Nationalists, who are Roman Catholics and therefore more or less under the influence and control of the priesthood, that the heretofore test of the Government's stability would come when the Government disclosed its policy on this most controversial of all subjects, controversial because of the unyielding attitude of the principal leaders of the various sections of the Christian Church and the very un-Christlike partisanship and hostility they display towards everything that does not agree with the particular views they have chosen to adopt on the subject of the religious education of the young. To each section, of course, it is a matter of vital importance. There are, it must be admitted, points of administration involved apart from the purely religious side of the question, but in the main, it is a religious question, bringing into the fullst prominence the intolerance that has come to be associated, unhappily, with religious sectarianism. To take a detached view of the question is almost impossible. Environment, upbringing, the influence of early teaching and the degree of assimilation of the partial teaching of varying doctrinal points affect all of us, however hard we may endeavour to be impartial. It is a sad comment on the Christian Church that after eighteen centuries of Christianity a bill dealing with the elementary education of the children of the country should be so hedged in with conditions to prevent the children from receiving instruction in the faith of their fathers. Herbert Spencer has laid it down that "to prepare us for complete living is the function which education has to discharge," and it is a cause of profound regret to those who deplore the growth of rationalism and irreligion and the moral degeneration this entails that the impulsive antagonism of the upholders of creeds and dogmas should result in the bifurcation from the everyday teaching of the young of an element without which the living of future generations cannot be complete. Those of us who have lived in the freethinking atmosphere of British Colonies and Dependencies know the need that exists for the high moral training of the men and women who are to carry on the grand scheme of British imperialism. There is a danger that the tendency of the present triumph of nonconformity will be to weaken the moral fibre of our race. It may be argued that the Bill endeavours to preserve "the teaching of the faith of our fathers," but that is a euphemism, since if the

policy of France.

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THE NEW KOWLOON CHURCH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, May 14th.
Sir.—As it might appear from the writing of the Reverend A. J. Stevens' letter to your paper of 12th May, that I am providing a peal of bells for the new church at Kowloon, will you kindly permit me to say that this is not so. The bells will be paid for by subscriptions which I am collecting.—Yours truly,
EDWARD OSBORNE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Sir.—In my appeal for funds, which you were good enough to publish on Saturday, for furnishing the new Church of St Andrew's, Kowloon, I find that unwittingly I overstated the amount of help undertaken by Mr. E. Osborne. The peal of tubular bells, ascribed in my letter to Mr. Osborne's generosity, are being given, not by Mr. Osborne alone, as that phrase would imply, but by himself and his friends, from whom he is collecting subscriptions. I regret the unintentional verbal inaccuracy of the mention of this gift. Nevertheless, it is to Mr. Osborne that we shall owe it that the belfry will have the peal, both because of his own gift towards this end, and because of the help he is collecting for the same purpose from his friends, and on both accounts we give him our thanks.

There has already been an encouraging response to the appeal so recently issued; and I shall be glad to send you a list of the gifts and promises so far received for publication in a day or two.

Yours truly,
A. J. STEVENS
(Chaplain, St. Andrew's, Kowloon).

THE COMMISSION.

We understand that the first meeting of the Commission, to enquire into the operation of the Sanitary and Building Ordinances takes place this afternoon.

WEIHAIWEI.

In the House of Commons on April 9th Mr. Pike-Pesse asked the Secretary of State for War if any money already voted by Parliament for military purposes at Weihaiwei still remains unexpended; and to what purposes that money will be allotted, in view of the proposal to disband the Chinese troops.

Mr. Haldane said that Parliament had already voted the money for the Chinese Regiment at Weihaiwei for 1906-7. Part of it would be used for the expenses of disbandment, and the rest, he hoped, would be saved.

A NEW SIBERIAN MILITARY DISTRICT.

The experience gained during the war with Japan showed the Russian military authorities that the present method of dividing Siberia into military districts ought to be revised. The major has been considered in the Ministry of War, with the result that an Imperial Decree orders the Senate to redistribute the military districts of Siberia. The redistribution is to be carried out in the light civil administration of the Governments of Irkutsk and the Amur Region, and the Irkutsk Military District will be formed out of the Governments of Irkutsk and Yeniseisk, and out of the districts of Yakutsk and Trans-Baikalia, while the Governor-General of Irkutsk will be the Commander-in-Chief of the new military district. The Governments of Tobolsk and Tomsk, and the Steppes Governments of Akmolinsk and Semipalatinsk will remain in the Siberian Military District, which is to be dissolved henceforth the Omsk Military District.

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"As to the Russian alliance and the accord with Great Britain," continued M. Bourgeois, "I need only say a couple of words, and I am sure that I shall find myself in agreement with the whole Senate. It is not on the day after having had to put both the alliance with Russia and the entente with Great Britain to the test that we can think of modifying them." (Loud cheers.)

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CHINA ASSOCIATION DINNER.

TO CHINESE COMMISSIONERS IN LONDON.

(FROM ONE CORRESPONDENT)

London, April 11th.
The dinner given by the China Association last night to H. I. H. Duke Tsai Te and their Excellencies Shang Chi-heng and Li Sheung-to, the Special Commissioners sent to Europe by the Peking authorities to study Western institutions with a view to their adoption by China, was probably the most successful function ever held under the auspices of the Association.

Held in the magnificent dining hall of the Cafe Royal in Regent Street, the most cosmopolitan meeting place in this cosmopolitan city, it was attended by a thoroughly representative body of men. Behind the chair the British eagle and the dragon flag of China hung emblematically, side by side; and the members of the Commission and Legation officials sat side by side with "all China hands" throughout the room. Mr. R. S. Gundry, C.B., President of the Association, was in the chair, having on his right H. I. H. Duke Tsai Te and on his left H. E. Shang Chi-heng; and the occupiers at the various tables were—Mr. T. H. Whitehead, Mr. Byron Brennan, C.M.G., Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G., Mr. J. Scott, Chairman of Committee, Sir Thomas Jackson, Bart., Mr. R. C. Attribus, and Sir H. S. Wilkinson. At the Chairman's table were—Lord E. Fitzmaurice, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Admiral Sir R. Tracey, K.C.B., Sir Eric Barrington, K.C.B., of the Foreign Office, Lieutenant-General Sir J. Bevan Edwards, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.B., Sir Patrick Manson, K.C.M.G., Mr. R. A. Verburgh, the Chairman of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce and the Chairman of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, Mr. A. Lind, Mr. G. F. Johnson, the Right Hon. W. G. Elliston-Macartney, M.P., Mr. C. P. Lucas, Mr. J. D. Campbell, Mr. R. H. Boyce, C.B., Mr. A. H. Hawk, A.R.A. Amongst the others present were—Admirals Sir G. D. Morshead, G.C.B., G. H. Boyce, and Kinahan Messa, G.C.B., Mr. D. D. E. S. Wheeler, J. H. Lewis, H. A. Pitkin, Douglas Jones, E. Cousins, J. Welch (Hon. Secretary), A. R. Burchill, G. S. Addis, R. M. Gray, H. M. Bevis, A. M. Townsend, W. W. Dickinson, W. H. Dickinson, A. Cummings, H. Kornell, W. Wotton, R. C. Wilcox, R. H. Hill, F. Corne, etc., etc. Over 100 members and guests sat down to dinner.

RECIPROCITY OF IDEAS.

The Chairman gave the toasts of "The King Emperor" and "The Emperor of China". In submitting the latter, he said the toast of the Emperor of China was always sure to receive a cordial reception at the gatherings of that Association, but more especially on that occasion, when they had with them a representative of the Imperial house and his fellow Commissioners. (Cheers.)

In proposing the health of H. I. H. Duke Tsai Te and their Excellencies Shang Chi-heng and Li Sheung-to, the Chairman and they were met that evening as members of an Association representing British interests and British residents in China to welcome their distinguished guests, who were visiting England for the purpose of studying our forms of Government, the working of our public departments, and the methods of our municipal administration. Doubtless the members of the Commission had been inspired by seeing in the Treaty Ports of China the working of the microcosm of these institutions to study how much might be applicable to the great Empire they represented. It was regrettable that their visit was to be so short, regrettably to them as Association, because it was impossible to gather together so large a number of their members as otherwise would have been willing and anxious to be present. (Cheers.)

It would have been more beneficial also to the Commissioners if their visit had been prolonged, for they who had lived some years in the Far East had realised that the habits and characteristics and methods of administration of the people of China—so different from what we are accustomed to in this country—could not be changed quickly any more than ours could be appreciated quickly by our visitors.

They had learned the immense advantage it was to see with their own eyes, however cursorily, the methods in operation in China, and it was instructive to come in contact with people who were at the other end of the line brought up under such different circumstances. They had been asked by one of the Commissioners how it was that whereas the jury in the British Courts at Shanghai consisted of only five men there were twelve men in the jury in this country, and he could only reply that the collective intelligence of any five British subjects residing in Shanghai was equal to that of the whole of the Chinese population of any twelve here. (Laughter and Cheers.) He referred to a recent speech of Lord Curzon and to the statement of the other night of His Imperial Highness that they wanted to see how far Western institutions would be suitable for the people of China, and said that no system of government could be good or permanent that did not suit the subjects to be governed; but just as the West had gained by taking a widened view of Eastern civilisation so, they felt confident, their guests would return to China from their Western tour with a clearer conception of that civilisation that had excited so much interest in China and of its applicability to the needs of China. (Cheers.)

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On that occasion I am sure you will receive as warm a welcome from the members of the England Association in Peking as we have received this evening from the China Association in London. (Cheers.)

CHINA'S NEED OF AN ARMY.

Sir Thomas Jackson, in proposing the toast of "The Commerce of China," said the toast was a comprehensive one and would appeal to all present, because he had no hesitation in saying, many of them there had fatigued on that commerce and they expected that many more would fatigued on it in the future. (Cheers.)

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He let the thundering legions pass. They had allowed them to welcome them in return as their guests. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) They had come to lessen the distance between East and West, to assimilate Western jurisprudence and Western education, and the result would be to produce a good understanding between the East and the West. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.

THE DUKE IS JOCKAR.

The Duke Tsai-ise replied in Chinese, and his remarks were interpreted by Mr. Tao Ping-lung.

"It is a source of great satisfaction to myself and my colleague," he said, "to receive this friendly welcome from the President of the China Association, and from the numerous members in whose name he has just spoken.

Seated at this table as your guests we are,

geographically speaking, separated by many thousands of miles from our own country, but we realise that we are the guests of gentlemen

who have lived in China, many of whom know

China almost as well as they know their own country. In this room, therefore, we do not

feel as strangers. The Chinese Special Com-

munity has come to England to study your

system of government and to ascertain to what

extent it would be well for China to follow the

experience of Western countries. In times

past foreign countries have borrowed from

China, and in the keeping the germ has

fructified and acquired growth. We claim

that the debt should be paid. Great

foresight and cautious action are necessary. It

is very well known that the mariner's compass

was invented in China, and one result is that we

have been safely navigated to your hospitable

shores. (Cheers.) Guns and gunpowder had

also their origin in China—a very harmless begin-

ning. On the occasion of our recent visit to

Woolwich we noticed how greatly our gun had

developed—(laughter)—and the idea suggested

itself whether we had benefited mankind in

making guns and gunpowder. Our object is

to study this sort of railway, as it may be

applicable to our own country.

What is the reform of her Civil Service. What

will be the example for such reform could be placed

before them than the Civil Service of India?

If such reform were carried out the results

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Hongkong, 27th June, 1905.

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Hongkong, 20th September 1905.

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Hongkong, 13th May, 1906.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ROON." having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after Tuesday, the 15th May, at 9:30 A.M.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M., on the 18th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 1st inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1906.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"TYDEUS." are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 12th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M., on the 18th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 1st inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1906.

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GOVERNMENT LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

The report of the medical officer in charge of the Government Lunatic Asylums is as follows:

The admissions during the year numbered 169—118 being males and 51 females. This number is very slightly below that of the previous year—176, and practically the number has been constant for the past three years.

The following are the admissions for the past 7 years:—

1899	... 78
1900	... 109
1901	... 90
1902	... 120
1903	... 155
1904	... 146
1905	... 160

The total number of cases under treatment during the year amounted to 177, of whom 149 were discharged on recovery or repatriated, and 7 died, leaving a total of 22 cases under treatment on the last day of the year.

Owing to the system of repatriation in force it is extremely difficult to calculate the recovery rate in figures, as we unfortunately are unable to keep the native patients under observation for any length of time. It is, however, as well as one can make out, somewhat low.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 20th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1906.

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FROM HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"ANDALUSIA." Captain Schmidt, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the steamer.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th May will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th May, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1906.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

APENRADE, German str., 611, Gantord, 14th May—Hoikow 13th May, General—Jobson & Co.
CATHERINE ARCA, British str., 1730, A. Stewart, 14th May—Culcutta and Singapore 8th May—Hoikow 13th May, General—Jobson & Co.
HATIAN, French str., 377, L. Anderson, 14th May—Pukhoi 14th May—Hoikow 14th May, General—A. R. Marly.
HOLSTEN, German str., 984, A. Niejahr, 13th May—Haiphong and Hoikow 12th May, General—Jobson & Co.
HONGKONG, French str., 50, A. Suzoni, 14th May—Haiphong and Hoikow 13th May, General—A. R. Marly.
ISTRIA, German str., 3,500, Girstenbriui, 13th May—Hankow 7th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.
JETTIN, U. S. Supply vessel, 3,200, Carter, 13th May—Manila 10th May, Coal.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
May 14th.
Andalusia, German str., for Shanghai
Devon, British str., for Saigon
Istra, German str., for Singapore
Polyneesiak, French str., for Saigon
Salvia, French str., for Shanghai
Silvia, German str., for Singapore

DEPARTURES.

May 13th.
HOELSTEIN, German str., for Canton
WINGSONG, British str., for Canton
WAKASA MARU, Japanese str., for Bombay
May 14th.
CASTOR, Norwegian str., for Tientsin
HILARY, German str., for Hongkong
MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Canton
SANDAKAN, German str., for Bangkok

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN."

Captain J. S. Beach will be despatched for the above Ports TO-DAY, the 15th inst., at 10 A.M. For Freight or Passage apply to

DOUGLAS LAPAIK & CO.,
General Managers
Hongkong, 11th May, 1906. [1061]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., COPENHAGEN.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CAMBODIA,"

Captain Dahlberg, will be ready to load for the above places TO-MORROW, the 16th inst. For Freight apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents
Hongkong, 11th May, 1906. [1060]

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

FOR BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, SOERABAIA & MACASSAR (taking cargo to all ports in Netherlands Indies on through Bill of Lading).

THE Steamship

"TJIJUWONG."

Captain Jervisius, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 24th inst.

For information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the

Head Agent of the JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE, (York Buildings, 1st Floor), Hongkong, 11th May, 1906. [1062]

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"NIKKI" 5th June.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1906. [787]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Steamship

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Captain Powell, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 2nd June, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1906. [987]

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SHIPS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Naval Yard. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str. ...	—	J. D. Andrews, E.N.E.	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 20th inst.
LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI	Brit. str. ...	—	C. F. Lockstone, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 19th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CEYLON	Brit. str. ...	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 23d inst.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	PROMETHEUS	Brit. str. ...	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th July.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	PINGUET	Brit. str. ...	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st July.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYUNE	Brit. str. ...	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	JASON	Brit. str. ...	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th June.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DEUCALION	Brit. str. ...	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd July.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	AJAX	Brit. str. ...	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	POLYNESIEN	Fren.str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	Today.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	JETRIA	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 1st June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	C. FRED. LAERZ	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 23d last, at Noon.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	PRINZ HEINRICH	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 3rd June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	SIAMONIA	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 14th June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 23rd June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	ACILLA	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 12th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	REHMANNIA	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 20th inst.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	CALEXAS	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 1st June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	HYSON	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 23d last.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	PATEOCLES	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 3rd June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	RAMAS	Am. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 24th June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	SATRONIA	Am. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 25th June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	TARTAR	Am. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 26th June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Am. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 27th June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	THEBON	Am. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 28th June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	STENTOR	Am. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 29th June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	MINNESOTA	Am. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 30th June.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	ABADIA	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 1st July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	WILLEHAD	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 2nd July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	TSINAN	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 3rd July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	EASTERN	Ger. str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 4th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	ORANGE BRANCH	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 5th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	CAMBODIA	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 6th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	PESHAWAR	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 7th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	TJIMIAMI	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 8th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	CHITSHING	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 9th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	HUICHOW	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 10th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	AKAISHI MARU	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 11th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	OCEANA	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 12th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	SHANSHI	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 13th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	PREUSSEN	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 14th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	KIUKIANG	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 15th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	DAYIN MARU	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 16th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	DAIGO MARU	Dan str.	—		MESSENGERIES MARITIMES....	On 17th July.
PRETORIA, British str., 1,730, C. Wolff, 13th May—Bangkok 6th May, General—Hamberg, American Lines.	MAID					

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The America Maru, with the American mail, left Shanghai on Saturday, the 12th inst., at 11 p.m., and may be expected here on or about to-day.
The Ocean, with the English mail of the 17th April, left Singapore on Saturday, the 12th inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 16th instant, at 3 p.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 20th March and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 11th April and for despatch overland on the 18th April.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Pakhoi		
Hai-phong		
Sawto, Amoy and Foochow		
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe		
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama		
Wei-hai-wei, Chefoo and Tientsin		

Europe, &c., India via Tutiioria.....
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)
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Macao
Swatow, Mandai, Cobin and Hoilo
Manila
Manitania
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Singapore, Penang and Colombo
Hobart and Haiphong
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama
Macao
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
Macao

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Tinter

TO-DAY

Sala, Miscellaneous, Sales Rooms, Mr. F. Kien, 11 a.m.
Sala, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Nedreus, 2.30 p.m.
The Great Thurston, World's Master Magician, City Hall, 9 p.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.—The T.K.K. str. America Maru sailed from Shanghai on Saturday at 11 p.m., and is due at this port on Tuesday morning early.

The T.K.K. str. Nippon Maru sailed from San Francisco on the 10th inst.

The P.M. str. Megacru sailed from San Francisco on the 2nd inst., and the China sailed on the 5th inst.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. str. Oceanus left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., at 10 a.m., and is due here on the 16th inst., about 3 p.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The L.G. str. Preussen left Colombo on Sunday, the 13th inst., and may be expected here on or about W.-nesday, the 23rd inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. Empress of China arrived at Yokohama at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, the 13th inst., and left again at 3 p.m. on Monday for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

THE MERCHANT SHIPS.

The N.Y.K. str. Yucho Maru (Australian Line), left Nagasaki for this port on the 13th May, and is expected to arrive here on the 15th May.

The N.Y.K. str. Atca Maru (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 12th inst., and is due here on the 15th inst.

The P. & O. str. Peninsular left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst., at 6 p.m.

The Ban Lian str. Belmond, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 10th inst. for this port.

The P. & A. Co. ss. Arabia left Moji on Friday, the 11th inst., at 4 p.m., and will be at this port, on the 15th inst., at 5 p.m.

The H.A.L. str. Acida, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 16th inst.

The E. A. str. Cambodias left Singapore on the 9th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 16th inst.

The steamer Yangtze left Kobe 13th inst. for Hongkong via Moji, and is due here 19th inst.

The Indo-China str. Namang left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on or about 21st inst.

The J.-C.-J. Linj. str. Tjilivong left Kobe via Amoy for this port on the 9th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.

The str. Aragonia sailed from Astoria on the 29th April, and is due to arrive at this port on the 27th inst.

The str. Lothian sailed from New York on the 21st inst. for China and Japan.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, May 14th

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	\$200	\$100.
Banks		
Hongkong & Sh.	\$125	\$850, sellers
National B. of China A. Share	25	\$38, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	12s. 4d.	\$74, buyers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$7, buyers
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$104, buyers
China Provident	\$10	\$0, sellers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo.	Tls. 60	Tls. 74.
Hongkong	\$10	\$15, sellers
International	Tls. 76	Tls. 70.
Laou Kong Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 70.
Soychay	Tls. 600	Tls. 325.
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$16.
Docks and Wharves—		
H. & W. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$104, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$62	\$164, sellers
New Amy Dock	\$62	\$17, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Eng., Co. Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 10.
Shai & H. Wharf	Tls. 100	Tls. 21.
Fenwick & Co. Geo.	\$25	\$22, sellers
G. Island Cement	\$10	\$20.
Hongkong & C. Gas.	\$10	\$17, sellers
Hongkong Electric ...	\$10	\$17, sellers
H. H. L. Tramways	\$100	\$215, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$130, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$225, buyers
Hongkong Rop. Co.	\$10	\$25, sellers
Hongkong S. Waterboat	\$10	\$91.
Insurances—		
Canton	\$50	\$360, sales
China Fire	\$20	\$36, sellers
China Traders	\$25	Numinal.
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$365, sellers
North China	25	Tls. 87.
Union	\$100	\$800, sales
Yangtze	\$60	\$175.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Co.	\$100	\$119, buyers
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$114, buyers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$33.
Shanghai Land	Tls. 60	Tls. 119.
WestPoint Building	\$50	\$53.
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Frs. 250	\$450.
Raupe.	13/40	\$21, buyers
Philipine Co.	20	\$64.
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$170.
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$25.
Steamship Companies—		
China and Manila.	\$25	\$22, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$15	\$22, sellers
H. Canton & M.	\$10	\$20, buyers
Indo-China S. Co.	\$10	\$91, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	21	\$27, sellers
Star Ferry.	\$10	\$32, buyers
Do. Now.	45	\$22, buyers
Shanghai & Dyeing	\$50	\$50.
South China M. Post.	\$25	\$20, sellers
Steam Laundry Co.	\$10	\$32.
Stores & Dispensaries—		
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$104, sellers
Powell & Co. Wm.	\$10	\$6, sellers
Watkins.	\$10	\$13, x.d.
United Asbestos Co.	\$4	\$9.
Do. Founders....	\$10	\$160.

VERNON & SMYTH, Brokers.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS. May 14th.

ON GERMANY—		
Arrived.		
Telegraphic Transfer	2.11	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.14	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2.14	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2.17	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.11	
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2.13	
ON PARIS—		
Bank Bills, on demand	2.65	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.60	
ON GERMANY—		
On demand	2.16	
ON NEW YORK—		
Bank Bills, on demand	514	
Credits, 60 days' sight	52	
ON OMBALA—		
Telegraphic Transfer	1574	
Bank, on demand	1574	
ON CALCUTTA—		
Telegraphic Transfer	1574	
Bank, on demand	1574	
ON SHANGHAI—		
Bank, at sight	713	
Private, 30 days' sight	723	
Jeunes, Mr. and Mrs. Horiguchi and daughter, Mrs. Leib, Mr. Belge, Mr. and Mrs. Sibidon and 2 children, Messrs. Robert Lub, Hsieh, Legrand, Brunet, Simon, Le Bad, Bertrand, from Kobe, Mr. G. D. Steele, from Shanghai, Mr. Paquet, Mr. Reich and children, Messrs. L. Marzali, Vialis, Debel, Capt. Sheldrake, Mrs. Grove, Messrs. Lehen, Kabin, Guie, Gempo, Rev. Giro, Dr. H. M. Macquer, Mr. and Mrs. Marie and 2 children, Messrs. Roussel, Marian, Leuse, Cesar, Boivire, Ricklin, Huguenot and Rigoni.		

OPIUM.

May 14th.

Quotations are— Allowance net to 60%.

Java New \$830 to — per picoul.

Java Old \$180 to —

Java Older \$1030 to —

Java V. Old \$1084 to —

Perian (East) \$830 to —

Perian extra fine, 1900 to —

Perian extra fine, 1900 to — per chest.

Patas Old \$820 to — per picoul.

Patas New \$820 to —

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